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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, NIPE

SUBJECT: Comments on DOD Directive on Responsibilities of NSA

1. If this directive has in fact been signed by Laird, I see no reason to doubt that the action was an attempt to end-run the new NSCID-6 and to limit the freedom of action of the DCI as he plans his own budgetary control activities. It was written by the ASD(I) and the Comptroller, who were cognizant of the existence of a draft NSCID-6 and of the fact that NSCID-6 and the wording of this draft are inconsistent. Furthermore, the DOD directive was promulgated without prior coordination with the DCI, a coordination which would have been appropriate in any circumstance.

2. I concur that as a minimum we should insist on the changes that you suggest in paragraph 4 of your 29 December memo. In addition, I recommend we make a reservation about the language of paragraph VI 8, which establishes procedures concerning budget preparation which may not be consistent with the way the Director might eventually want to work.

3. I think it is important, however, to also make an attempt through Mr. Schultze to have the directive withdrawn until such time as NSCID-6 is promulgated by the Security Council and the DCI has an opportunity to decide how he wants to implement his own responsibilities. Even though this might be unsuccessful, making the attempt would probably strengthen our hand in requesting changes to the text.

4. Finally, I think we should let Dr. Hall know our opinion about the manner in which this directive was promulgated, pointing out particularly our concern about its incompatibility with the words of the NSCID-6 draft and about the DCI not being given the courtesy of prior coordination.

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